

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 662

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Samuel Shelton Crass, Jr., of Oliver Springs.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Samuel Shelton Crass, Jr., of Oliver Springs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crass was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on November 25, 1925, in Roane County, Samuel Crass was a highly respect member of his community and a life-long resident of the area; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Oliver Springs High School in 1943, Mr. Crass entered the United States Navy and served his country with the courage and conviction of a true patriot during World War II; and

WHEREAS, for thirty-five years, Mr. Samuel Crass served with acumen and alacrity as the Post Master of the Oliver Springs Post Office, where he earned the respect of his colleagues and customers alike due to his peerless leadership and unwavering dedication to excellence; and

WHEREAS, a steadfast servant of the Almighty, Mr. Crass was a devoted member of the Jonesville United Methodist Church and was greatly esteemed for his solid Christian belief and his service and love; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Shelton Crass was also a dedicated civic leader and a founding member of the Cumberland Utility District, where he continued to render sterling service on the Utility Board until December of 2011; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable man was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel Shelton Crass, Sr., and Arminta Grace Hester Grass; his brother, Hooper Crass; and his sister, Mary Hannah Wilson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crass enjoyed the love and companionship of his beloved wife, Bobbie Reaves Crass, for sixty-five years, and he was the proud father and father-in-law of Samuel Shelton III and Emily Crass and Charles J. and Rhonda Crass; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Crass is survived by his grandchildren: Wendy Crass Lineberger and her husband Rodney; Samuel S. Crass IV; J. Evans Crass and his wife Marta; Matt Crass and his wife Kristie; and Bryan Qualls and his wife Lisa; and

WHEREAS, he will also be sorely missed but never forgotten by his sister, Myrtle “Lady Bug” Watson; his great-grandchildren: Robert Michael Hammer, Emma Elizabeth Hammer, Kendra Qualls, Cooper Qualls, Kate Crass, Andrew Crass, Allison Crass, and Julie Crass; and a host of friends, family, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Crass leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the generous life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Samuel Shelton Crass, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Crass.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.